Shatabdi/Superfast train for Khajuraho

†1789. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Railways to make the journey of tourists convenient to the world famous Khajuraho tourist spot in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government proposes to start Shatabdi or other superfast train from Delhi to Khajuraho;

(c) if so, by when the said train would be started;

(d) whether Government has formulated any new scheme this year to provide proper boarding and lodging facilities to foreign tourists apart from making their journey convenient to promote foreign tourists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) Khajuraho has been connected by rail recently. The passenger amenities have been provided as per norms.

(b) and (c) Hazrat Nizamuddin-Khajuraho Link Express is providing direct service between Delhi and Khajuraho. At present, there is no proposal to start any additional train between Delhi and Khajuraho.

(d) and (e) There is no separate scheme for foreign tourists. However, Khajuraho has been identified for development of a Multi-functional Complex, which may have a budget hotel.

Railway projects in Jharkhand

1790. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects for new lines, doubling, gauge conversion and electrification being undertaken in Jharkhand;

(b) the present status of these projects;

(c) whether any time frame exists for completion of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED) : (a) to (d) 7 New Lines, 1 Gauge Conversion and 8 Doubling Project are in progress in the State of Jharkhand. 3 Railway Electrification projects have been completed. The works are progressing as per availability of resources. Details of Projects, with targets wherever fixed, are as under:-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Approx length in Km	Status of Project
1	2	3	4
	New Lines		
1.	Deogarh-Dumka	72	Jasidih (Deogarh)-Ghoramara (26.27 Kms.) -work completed. Ghormara-Dhumka (46 km.)-targeted in 2009-10.
2.	Deogarh-Sultanganj, Banka-Barahat and Banka-Bihtiah Road	151	Earthwork, Major bridges and minor bridges have been taken up.
3.	Gaya-Chatra	97	New work included in Budget 2008-09. Preliminary works taken up.
4.	Giridih-Koderma	102	Koderma-Maheshpur (20 km) and Maheshpur-Nawadih (14 km) completed. Earthwork, Minor and major bridges etc. in balance portion has been taken up.
5.	Koderma-Ranchi	202	Land acquisition, earthwork, minor bridges, Road over bridges and Road under bridges has been taken up.
6.	Koderma-Tilaiya	65	Land acquisition, Earthwork, minor bridges etc. taken up.
7.	Manderhill-Rampurhat *via* Dumka	130	Earthwork, minor bridges, major bridges track linking etc. has been taken up.
	Gauge Conversion		
1.	Ranchi-Lohardaga with extension to Tori	111	Ranchi-Lohardaga- (69 Kms) Gauge Conversion completed. Earthwork minor bridge and track linking in balance portion taken up.
	Doubling		
1.	Barharwa-Tinpahar	16.49	Barharwa-Bakudi (7.70 km)-completed Bakudi-Tinpahar (8.80 km)-targeted in 2009-10.
2.	Bimlagarh-Dumitra	18.3	Earthwork, bridges etc. taken up.

1	2	3	4
3.	Chandrapura-Rajabera-Chandrapura-Bhandaridah	10.6	Preliminary works taken up.
4.	Goelkera-Manoharpur 3rd line (Chakradharpur-Bondamunda Section)	40	Preliminary works taken up.
5.	Muri-North Outer Cabin/Muri-Doubling of section with provision of 2nd bridge over Subarnarekha	1	Preliminary works taken up. Tender for Civil Engineering works awarded.
6.	Padapahar-Banspani	32	Padapahar-Dongaoposi (5.6 Kms.) and Jamakundia-Deojhar (6.6 Kms.) completed. Balance work targeted in 2009-10.
7.	Rajkharsawan-Sini-3rd line	15	Preliminary works, tendering etc. taken up.
8.	Tinpahar-Sahibganj as PH-I of doubling of Tinpahar-Bhagalpur	37.81	Preliminary works taken up.
	Railway Electrification		
1.	Bokaro Steel City-Muri-Hatia-Bondamunda-Bimlagarh-Kiriburu/Barsuan incl. Purulia-Kotshila	434	Completed.
2.	Chandilmuri-Barkakana	119	Completed.
3.	Kusunda-Katrasgarh-Jamuniatanda	23	Completed.